(a) whether Government has worked out a plan of constructing nearly 12 thousand kms of road during the current financial year;

(b) if so, whether Government has also estimated requirement of Rs. one lakh crore for investment in road development projects;

(c) if so, whether Government has since taken any steps to generate the required funds and also find out investors for the road development projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) Yes sir. A plan has been worked out by the Government to undertake the works of nearly 12,000 km of National Highways during the current financial year. The Government is exploring various options to generate the required funds. The projects are proposed to be under taken on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis where Government investment may be up to 40 % of the project cost and the remaining from the private sector. Government is also taking steps including road shows in India and abroad in collaboration with industries and lenders to generate private sector investment in the road projects.

Four laning of NHs in Rajasthan

2842. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Rajasthan has proposed four laning of NH-11 (Jaipur-Ringus-Sikar road section), NH-12 (Jaipur-Tonk-Kota-Jhalawar road section up to Madhya Pradesh Border), NH-14 (Beawar-Pali-Sirohi road section) and NH-8 (Beawar-Udaipur Section);

(b) if so, when these National Highways are likely to be four laned;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the stretch between Chitorgarh to Neemuch of NH-79 upto Madhya Pradesh border qualify for four laning; and

(d) if so, by when these stretches are likely to be four laned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Jaipur-Reengus-Sikar section of NH-11, Jaipur-Tonk-Kota-Jhalawar section of NH-12 and Beawar-Pali-Sirohi-Pindwara section of NH-14 have been identified for four laning under NHDP Phase III. Beawar to Gomti section of NH-8 has been taken up for development with two lane with paved shoulders. The feasibility study for Gomti to Udaipur section has recently been completed.

(b) Bids for projects for Jaipur-Reengus section of NH-11 and Jaipur-Tonk-Deoli section of NH-12 have been received. Feasibility study of Reengus-Sikar section of NH-11 and Deoli-Kota section of NH-12 and Beawar-Pali-Sirohi section of NH-14 have been completed.

(c) and (d) The stretch between Chitorgarh to Neemuch of NH-79 upto Madhya Pradesh border has been included in the Annual Plan 2009-10 for feasibility study for four laning. Four laning of the stretch will depend upon the outcome of the study.